



Area 4 Developmental Disabilities Board

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Autism Hearing

An Autism Hearing on the implementation of California's autism insurance mandate (SB 946) was convened by Sen. Steinberg and other members of the Senate Select Committee on Autism & Related Disorders.

Read the **California Healthline** article [here](#)

TV news story on the hearing can be viewed at this [site](#).

See the video [here](#).

Lanterman Coalition Letter

Historic Agreement: The Lanterman Coalition Unites in their Advocacy for a Road Map to Sustainability

"Due to budget cuts over the past 30 years (See ARCA Reports) California is failing to keep its promise to Californians with Developmental Disabilities. In order to keep that promise to individuals with Developmental Disabilities living in the community and to provide a viable community alternative to persons currently living in the Developmental Centers the Lanterman Coalition makes the following budget recommendations."

Read the Lanterman Coalition Letter [here](#)

North Bay Regional Center Press

Read NBRC's latest edition of their [NBRC Press](#)

Ending Discrimination in Organ Transplantation

Autistic Self advocacy Network (ASAN) Unveils Toolkit for Advocates on Ending Discrimination in Organ Transplantation

“**ASAN** has prepared a comprehensive toolkit to empower people with disabilities, their families, and other disability advocates to help combat disability-based discrimination in organ transplantation.

As ASAN found in our 2013 report, when people with intellectual and developmental disabilities need an organ transplant to treat a life-threatening condition, they frequently face barriers to receiving this lifesaving care. Doctors and transplant centers may refuse to approve organ transplants for people with disabilities who might need help in order to follow complicated post-transplant treatment plans. Others may refuse to approve transplants for people with disabilities based on the belief that, when deciding who should receive an organ transplant, people without disabilities should have a higher priority.”

Read more [here](#)

Plan for Vocational Rehabilitation Services

The Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) will convene two public meetings and is inviting the public to provide input on service access and needs, particularly individuals with disabilities and stakeholders who are affected by DOR Vocational Rehabilitation Services, including Supported Employment Services.

The Department of Rehabilitation seeks your input on:

- Critical rehabilitation needs for individuals with disabilities in California;
- Challenges or barriers in accessing or receiving VR services;
- Ideas for enhanced VR outreach and services.

A public meeting will be held at the Department of Rehabilitation Office, 50 D Street, Santa Rosa, Thursday, April 3, 2014 (1:00 PM – 2:30 pm)

Members of the public may also participate at the Public Meeting via teleconference from any location by calling:

(877) 929-8953 and enter Participant Pass Code: 3748633#

For any questions, please call Melinda Van Egdon at (916) 558-5895 Voice or at (916) 558-5807 TTY.

Financial Literacy Program

**Six Steps to Creating a Financial Literacy Program in Your Classroom or Transition Program:
A how to guide for special education teachers and transition specialists**

Read more [here](#)

Friends: Connecting ...

Friends: Connecting People with Disabilities and Community Members

A manual providing concrete, "how-to" strategies for supporting relationships between people with disabilities and other community members. It describes why such friendships are important to people with disabilities and why it is important to promote community belonging and membership. The manual includes specific activities to guide users in creating a plan for connecting people.

Read More [here](#)

Sexual Victimization Webinar

Can You Hear Me? Connecting the Dots and Building Collaboration to Support People with Disabilities Who Experience Sexual Violence

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Read more and/or register [here](#)

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